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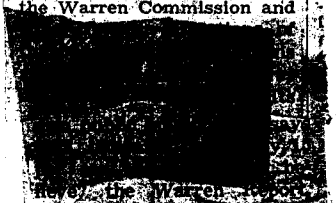
Amid the recurring questions over the circumstances behind the assassination of President Kennedy back on that fateful November day in Dallas in 1963, CBS News will retrace the available evidence at 10 tomorrow night in the first of a four-part series called The Assassins.

The program, produced by Leslie Midley and Bernard Birnbaum, with Dan Rather as narrator, will be followed at the same time Wednesday night by an additional hour reviewing the finding of the Warren Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin and not a member a conspiracy.

Disclosures of CIA involvement in assassination plots against foreign leaders give a sense of timelines to the CBS endeavor, particularly the reported plans to take the life of Fidel Castro and Oswald's known Cuban connections. Tomorrow night's hour will leave us with not just the question of whether there was a "conspiracy," but whether there was a "coverup." CIA links to the Mafia, which once ran Cuban gambling concessions under Batista, heighten the mystery of the JFK slaying.

But Wednesday night, Rather is compelled to concede—as CBS did in its 1967 assessment of the Warren finding—that its correspondents could not establish "a conspiracy" or the existence of "other gunmen." History could be less confused, it is suggested, by a full Congressional inquiry into what the CIA and FBI failed to tell the Warren Commission and



Never, the Warren Report's "Conspiracy theories," we're told, "persist partly because there has been a loss of confidence in government, a loss in public morale." Future endeavors in the series will deal with the slayings of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King and the attempt on the life of Gov. Wallace.

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